

Walden Pond by Cherrie Corey

## Concord's Region

The following towns are linked to Concord by the processes, issues, or organizations indicated:

Immediate surroundings: (a) Minute Man NHP (incl. Battle Road Trail): Lincoln, Lexington; (b) Great Meadows NWR: Sudbury, Wayland, Carlisle, Bedford; (c) Walden Pond Res. & Walden Woods: Lincoln; (d) Hanscom Field (HATS): Bedford, Lincoln, Lexington; (e) Estabrook Woods: Carlisle; (f) Concord-Carlisle HS: Carlisle; (g) Concord water supply: Acton, Littleton; (h) Zone II groundwater district: Maynard, Sudbury, Lincoln; (i) Carleton-Willard: Bedford.

Major corridors (roads, rivers, walking trails, wildlife routes): (a) Route 2 corridor: Boston, Cambridge, Belmont, Waltham, Lexington, Lincoln, Acton, Boxborough, Littleton, Harvard, Ayer, Shirley, Lunenberg, Lancaster, Leominster, Fitchburg; (b) Other primary traffic routes: Route 2A to W (Acton, Littleton); Route 62 to W (Maynard, Stow); Route 117 to W (Maynard, Sudbury, Stow); Route 117 to E (Lincoln, Weston, Waltham, I-95 corridor); Route 126 (Lincoln, Wayland, Natick, Framingham, Weston, Waltham, I-95 corridor); Route 2A to E (Lincoln, Bedford, Lexington, I-95 corridor); Route 62 to E (Bedford, Lexington, Burlington, I-95 corridor); Lowell Rd (Carlisle); (c) Major commuting routes through Concord: From north and west to Waltham, Cambridge, Boston; From Acton, Boxborough to Burlington; (d) Assabet River basin/valley & Organization for the Assabet River: Acton, Westford, Littleton, Boxborough, Maynard, Stow, Harvard, Bolton, Hudson, Marlborough, Berlin, Clinton, Boylston, Northborough, Shrewsbury, Westborough; (e) Sudbury River basin/valley & Sudbury Valley Trustees: Same as the preceding, plus Carlisle, Chelmsford, Lowell, Billerica, Bedford, Lincoln, Weston, Wayland, Sudbury, Natick, Sherborn, Framingham, Southborough, Ashland, Hopkinton; (f) Concord River basin/valley: Bedford, Carlisle, Billerica, Chelmsford, Lowell; (g) Wild and Scenic Rivers; (h) Rail trail: from Lowell Rd. (Bedford, Lexington); from Route 2 (Acton, Westford, Chelmsford, Lowell); from West Concord (Sudbury, Framingham); (i) Bay Circuit Trail (Westford, Acton, Lincoln, Wayland); (j) Major wildlife connection with New Hampshire (for moose, fisher, black bear; potentially for mountain lion, wolf): Carlisle, Bedford (Great Meadows NWR, Spencer Brk, Great Brook Farm SP); Westford, Acton (Nashoba Brk watershed); Westford, Littleton (railroad/powerline crossings of I495); Westford, Littleton (Forge Pond-Spectacle Pond area); Groton (SE, NE & SW of center); Dunstable, Pepperell, Townsend; Hillsborough Co., N. H.; (k) Probable major wildlife corridors connecting Concord and surrounding region: Great Meadows NWR to N (Carlisle, Bedford, Billerica); Estabrook Woods (Carlisle); Spencer Brk (Carlisle); Nashoba Brk. & Pope Rd areas (Acton, Westford); Nine Acre Corner & White Pond areas (Sudbury, Wayland); Walden Pond & Fairhaven Bay areas (Lincoln); Mill Brook (Lincoln); Elm Brook (Lincoln, Bedford).

Various other planning areas: (a) Metropolitan Area Planning Council (Concord is in the "MAGIC" subregion composed of 12 towns); (b) Ft. Devens Planning Area & Freedom's Heritage; (c) SUASCO River Stewardship Council; (d) Area between I-95 & I-495 & between Rte 9 & Rte 3: Lincoln, Waltham, Weston, Wellesley, Natick, Framingham, Wayland, Sudbury, Southborough, Marlborough, Hudson, Berlin, Bolton, Maynard, Stow, Harvard, Boxborough, Acton, Littleton, Westford, Carlisle, Chelmsford, Billerica, Bedford, Burlington, Lexington; (e) Major shopping areas: Bedford, Burlington, Acton, Maynard, Framingham, Natick; and (f) Larger regions: Boston Region, Worcester Region, Eastern Massachusetts, Southern New England, New England, The Northeast, Ecoregions.

